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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111, 1.112, 1.114**

This is a response to an Office Action mailed April 1, 2004.

**a.     Introductory Comments**

The Office Action rejects claims 1 – 6 and 15 – 19.

Claims 7 – 14 were previously withdrawn.

This response amends claim 6 and adds new claim 20.

Applicants request reconsideration.